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## Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

### For the week of June 22, 2014

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This series is aimed to support our "Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel" initiative. It is based on *The One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale House, 2003). We will focus on specific topics that relate to faith, witness, prayer and outreach. "The driving force behind this proposal is to increase our evangelistic witness and the impact on our neighborhood and community." (From the overview document, available at [www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf) )

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### *The Glory of God*

The Lord your God is great indeed! He delights in you and has placed you on the throne of Israel. Because the Lord loves Israel with an eternal love, he had made you king so you can rule with justice and righteousness . . . People from every nation came visit [Solomon] and to hear the wisdom God had given him.

*1 Kings 10:9, 24*

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#### Prayer for the Week

Lord, glorify yourself in my life so that others might see you and be drawn to you. I have no palaces, jewels, or servants, and I don't have the wisdom of Solomon, but I have you dwelling in my heart! Enable me by your Spirit to live each day in a way that causes others to marvel at your greatness.

#### Notable Quote

In commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy him.

*C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)*

#### Reflection

This passage is a source of great encouragement that God desires to glorify his name through his people to the whole world. The grandeur of the kingdom of Solomon and his incredible wisdom gave widespread testimony to the greatness and majesty of the God of Israel. The whole earth was talking about the glory of Solomon. People from every country traveled just to see what the Lord had done and to hear the wisdom God had given this king. And when the Queen of Sheba arrived in Jerusalem, she didn't believe Solomon's reputation until she saw it with her own eyes. "Truly I had not heard the half of it!" she said (1 Kings 10:7). The king's and grandeur so far exceeded what this pagan queen expected that even she was drawn into praise to God. Just as Solomon's reputation brought glory to the name of the Lord and made the whole world aware of God's greatness, we can live in such a way that God's name will be honored.

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Using Lewis' thought, glorify God for a different aspect of his nature each day this week...and give attention to the ways in which he invites you to enjoy him. Pray for opportunities to glorify his name before others in testimony of his work in your life.
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go...For I Answer Prayer" (Exodus 5:14-23). \* Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons.
- Continue to remember one family from your circle of influence for intercession. They could be a neighbor, coworker or relative. Pray for their struggles to be resolved, their health improved and their relationships strengthened. Ask the Lord to bring them to a fuller, closer relationship with Himself in faith and obedience.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable an offer of attendance.
- Continue to pray for our "Stepping Out in Faith" initiative: praise God that Joel Jupp has joined our staff and pray that God will use him as he partners with Pastor Dave in the area of worship. Continue in prayer for the efforts of Mark Albrecht and Converge MidAmerica to secure the right person to lead a church plant from our facilities, aimed at increasing evangelism in our area.

\*A podcast of the sermon, along with PDF files of the sermon outline and PowerPoint notes will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.

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